

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP No. 31094 of 2019
Date of decision : 29.10.2019**

Anita Sharma

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Sham Lal Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The claim of the petitioner in the present writ petition is that she retired from service on 31.07.2017 but the retiral benefits were not released to her within reasonable time of two months as specified by the Full Bench of this Court in ***A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468.***

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that as the delay is over two months and there was no valid justification with the respondents to retain the retiral benefits, the petitioner needs to be compensated by way of grant of interest. Learned counsel argues that there is a delay starting from 99 days to 231 days in the release of the pensionary benefits and the petitioner is entitled for approximately ₹87,000/- as interest. The prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to grant the

petitioner the interest on the delayed payment of the pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioner has submitted a representation dated 21.06.2019 (Annexure P-3) to the respondents No. 2 and 3, which is still pending consideration with the respondents.

On being pointed out that no representation has been sent to the Administrative Department, i.e. the employer of the petitioner, learned counsel for the petitioner states that he be allowed to withdraw the present writ petition with liberty to approach the Department of Education for the redressal of the grievance of the petitioner.

Dismissed as withdrawn, with the liberty, as prayed for.

October 29, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? *Yes*
Whether reportable? *No*